

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Alpine County Resource Advisory
Committee

**3b. GSA Committee
No.**

70491

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 12/19/2023 12/19/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

SRS and Community
Self-Determination Act as
reauthorized in PL 110-343,
PL 112-141 and as amended
Agricultural Improvement Act
of 2018 PL. 115-334.

13. Effective Date **14. Committee Type** **14c. Presidential?**

10/03/2008 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open **17b. Closed** **17c. Partially Closed** **Other Activities** **17d. Total**

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service

officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed. 1 meeting occurred in 2022 and 2 in 2023.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

This committee held two meetings in FY2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Matthew Zumstein District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Celio, Jennifer	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Natural Resources, Small ranching operator	Representative Member
Fillmore, Helen	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Washoe Tribe of NV and CA	Representative Member
Griffith, David	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Alpine County Board of Supervisors	Representative Member
Harvey, Richard	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Chair of Alpine Watershed Group	Representative Member
Jardine, Donald	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Alpine County Board of Supervisors	Representative Member
Morgan, Carole	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Alpine Trails Association	Representative Member
Peters, Brian	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Public at Large	Representative Member
Schwartz, Mark	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Board Member, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce	Representative Member
Twiss, Robert	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Alpine Watershed Group	Representative Member
Voorhees, Jeffry	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Rancher	Representative Member
Waldear, Deborah	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Friends of Hope Valley	Representative Member
Woodrow, Terry	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Alpine County Board of Supervisors	Representative Member
Yonker, Steve	05/19/2022	05/19/2026	Public at Large	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of

national forest ecosystems and improving cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

30

Number of Recommendations Comments

Committee recommended 5 of 6 projects submitted in FY2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

83%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

25 recommendations have been completed. 5 recommendations are in the process of being implemented.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

17%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The 5 new recommendations are being implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Forest Service Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on actions taken to implement projects recommended by the committee. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities ☐
- Reallocated resources ☐
- Issued new regulation ☐
- Proposed legislation ☐
- Approved grants or other payments ☐
- Other ☐

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 2

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 2

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$25,000

Grant Review Comments

2 grants were recommended for Alpine County and have been awarded.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO ☒
- Online Agency Web Site ☒
- Online Committee Web Site ☒
- Online GSA FACA Web Site ☒
- Publications ☒
- Other ☐

Access Comments

Not applicable.